



Winter closeup.  
Photo by CVPS member Tom Jones.



# Winter 2005 - 2006 Schedule

## You Want Me to Visit the Park? In the *WINTER*?

Have you ever been tempted to curl up under a warm blanket and read or watch movies all winter long? Finding motivation to be active outside can be difficult during Midwest winters!

But think of the squeals of snow-covered children sledding and the excitement of learning to stand up straight in ice skates. Can you almost feel the blast of crisp air when you first tried to ski down a hill or hear the quiet of snowflakes falling on a deserted trail? At any age, these things can whisk you away from the memories of the daily routine and Lake Erie's winter skies.

Experience them in the Cuyahoga Valley: home of Ohio's only national park. It's different from the big western national parks, yet infinitely valuable to those of us who call the Great Lakes Region "home."

For over one hundred years, the Cuyahoga Valley has been an escape for people from the cities. Year-round opportunities to renew our minds, bodies, and spirits make the Cuyahoga Valley vital to the quality of life in northeast Ohio.

The valley does its best to entice explorers of all ages to taste winter. There are lessons in cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, history

discussions and hikes, bird watching for every level of birder, as well as concerts that expose us to the cultures of people who farmed food to keep themselves alive in the Cuyahoga Valley.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park is preserved for everyone. Its natural habitats are soothing. Its cultural history is captivating. There are experiences in the valley just for you, no matter your background. The Cuyahoga Valley is waiting with outstretched valley walls. Come explore its expanses. You might be swayed to return to your backyard national park.

### 4 Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association

Support Cuyahoga Valley National Park through its friends group, CVNPA!

### 6 - 7 Music & Arts

Enjoy a wide variety of arts including concerts, contra dancing, and photography presentations.

### 15 Hiking & Recreation

Explore CVNP's recreational offerings including ranger-guided hikes and boomerang flying.



# Greetings from the Superintendent



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U.S. Department of the Interior

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting.

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We are often asked, "What is the busiest season at your park?" The answer... "all of them." Many national parks are *seasonal*, so there are times during the year that are not as busy as others. That is not the case here at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The park is open to the public 365 days a year. Each season provides valley visitors with a wonderful experience... even winter!

We all know that winter in northeast Ohio can be long and cold. If you find yourself with a case of the winter blues, we can help. Get rid of them by spending some time in the national park in your backyard. This park was created as a retreat from city life, so come and enjoy *your* 33,000-acre treasure.

Energizing, soothing, and memorable are all words that describe Cuyahoga Valley National Park in wintertime. Get energized on a winter hike with friends; soothe yourself by sipping hot cocoa and listening to a Heritage Series concert; build lasting family memories by riding the Santa Claus Express with your children.

Winter can be one of the most scenic times in the park -- whether you are hiking on the Old Carriage Trail, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing near the Winter Sports Center, or riding on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. When all the leaves have fallen from the trees, the unobstructed views from the train windows are spectacular.

Finally, winter in the valley can be very peaceful. When snow blankets the valley and the sound of its crunching under your feet is all you can hear, I hope you are reminded of the wonderful gift we were given by those who had the vision to protect this marvelous area for our enjoyment.

John P. Debo, Jr.  
Superintendent



John P. Debo, Jr.  
Photo by MotoPhoto.

## Comments

We are interested in your thoughts, comments, and suggestions on our programs, publications, and visitor services. We are always looking for ways to better serve your needs. Please call (440) 546-5991 or send any feedback to [cuva\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:cuva_info@nps.gov).



Photo by CVPS member Tom Jones.



## Christmas in Peninsula

This year, visit the Village of Peninsula for a variety of unique and old-fashioned holiday experiences. Every weekend in December you will find a variety of activities to fit most everyone's interests.

Meet costumed characters while riding the Santa Claus Express or the Christmas Tree Adventure on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Enjoy the sounds of local carolers or attend the holiday concert by *bohola* at Happy Days Visitor Center.

Visit the shops for special seasonal discounts and packages created by local artisans ranging from pottery, jewelry, leather goods, and hand-made jellies and jams to CVNP merchandise at the holiday open house. Experience the outdoors with a park ranger on a lantern hike, the Christmas Bird Count, or a Winter Warm-Up hike.

Take some time to read through this schedule of events for new ways to visit the Village of Peninsula. Visit [www.explorepenninsula.com](http://www.explorepenninsula.com) for more details on *Return to the Heart of the Holidays*.

## Web Rangers!

Kids interested in national parks are invited to become a Web Ranger! Designed for kids of all ages, [www.nps.gov/webangers](http://www.nps.gov/webangers) teaches how to have fun while learning new things. In order to be a Web Ranger, you must "promise to learn about our national parks, to help care for them, and to care for [your] surroundings." There are activities for three age groups: 6 and up, 9 and up, and 13 and up, each with a certificate of recognition!

The expansion of the Web Rangers site has been made possible in part by the National Park Foundation, through a generous grant from the Best Buy Children's Foundation.

## Ohio Winter Special Olympics



CVNP will host the 23rd annual Ohio Winter Special Olympics, January 26 - 28, 2005. Braving below-freezing temperatures and cold winter winds, Special Olympians from all over Ohio will gather to compete in cross-country and downhill ski events, as well as ice skating.

We encourage everyone to come out and cheer the athletes on! Cross-country ski events will be held at the Ledges Shelter; downhill skiing can be viewed at Brandywine Ski Resort; and

ice skating will take place at the Kent State Ice Arena.

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become productive, physically fit, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. There is no charge to participate or watch the Special Olympics. For a complete schedule of this year's events, please call (440) 546-5996.

## Holiday Shopping

*Saturdays, November 26 and December 17*

Come to Happy Days Visitor Center between 12 and 4 p.m. to shop, play, and enjoy! In addition to great shopping for unique gifts, we will have a craft activity for kids ages 3 - 10 at 1 p.m. and storytime at 3 p.m.

Holiday treats and gift wrapping will also be available. CVNPA members will receive a 15% discount on their total purchase during the Open Houses when they show their membership card.

Make a day of it and visit the shops in the Village of Peninsula where specials will be available throughout the holiday season.

Be sure to look for the new book about CVNP available at park visitor centers and local bookstores. *Cuyahoga Valley National Park: A Photographic Portrait* shows the park through the eyes of two talented local photographers, Ian Adams and Jim Roetzel.

# Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association

## Did You Buy Your Season Pass Yet?

You may buy a pass to ski all winter, to attend sporting events, to go to your favorite amusement park, or to attend concerts. Many businesses and organizations sell season passes so that visitors can regularly enjoy their favorite activities.

You don't need a pass to hike, bike, run, sled, cross-country ski, or walk in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. You don't have to pay an entry fee. There is no toll booth. Many national parks have gate fees, but this one does not.



Think of your membership in CVNPA as your season pass to endless recreation and enjoyment, all year long.

Do you use the park to improve your health? For fun and recreation? To hear up-and-coming heritage artists? To spend time with family members or friends? For personal reflection and inspiration?

Help us protect park resources while changing lives by joining the community organization that supports the national park that you enjoy. Visit our website or give us a call. We'd love to have you on our list of park friends, people who care about this park. See you in the park this winter!

Deb Yandala  
CEO



**Cuyahoga Valley  
National Park  
Association**



Wolf at Yellowstone.  
NPS Photo by Jim Peaco.

## Yellowstone Wolf Trip Planned

CVNPA is sponsoring an exciting adventure to Yellowstone National Park February 15 - 20 to see the wolves!

Join us on this all inclusive trip with special opportunities for full days of wildlife observation in areas that most park visitors never get a chance to visit.

Visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org) for more information.

**Join CVNPA and help protect and support your national park! Consider giving memberships this year as a holiday gift! To become a member or buy gift memberships for friends and family, visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org), call (330) 657-2909, or fill out the form below.**

### Membership Form

☐ Earth (Individual) \$35  
☐ Rock (Family) \$45  
☐ River \$100

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check Enclosed (payable to CVNPA)

☐ Charge my ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail membership form to:

CVNPA  
1403 W. Hines Hill Road  
Peninsula, Ohio 44264

When you become a member or purchase a gift membership, *please* fill out your name, address, phone number, email, and payment information.

*A gift card and 2006 CVNP Calendar will be sent to each person for whom you purchase a gift membership.*

### Gift membership recipients:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad



Winter passengers board CVSR.  
Photo by CVPS member Tom Jones.

*Excursions continue on weekends only through December 18, 2005 and start again February 11, 2006. CVSR will not operate from December 21 through February 9.*

For more information about Christmas in Peninsula, see page 3.

## Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, then take a hike along the Towpath Trail, explore the Village of Peninsula, and still have time for lunch or shopping. Allow 4½ hours. Fee: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, and \$9 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m.

## Scenic Limited

Enjoy a 1¾-hour excursion through CVNP. Fee: \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, and \$8 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## Canal Limited

Travel to Canal Visitor Center to explore exhibits on the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 55-minute layover, climb aboard the train for the return trip. Allow 2½ hours. Fee: \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, and \$8 children 3 - 12. Peninsula Depot, 11:15 a.m.

## Christmas Tree Adventure

Ride the train to the Village of Peninsula and visit Heritage Farms to

select and cut your own Christmas Tree. Fee: \$21 adults, \$18 seniors, and \$14 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m.

## Santa Claus Express

Join Santa Claus as he visits with the children. Allow 1¾ hours. Reservations required. Fee: \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, and \$8 children 3 - 12. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

## “Grape Escape”

### Wine-Tasting Express

*Friday, February 10*

Sample five choice wines served with appetizers to enhance the palate during a two-hour train ride through the park. Reservations required. 21 and older only. Fee: \$45. Rockside Station, 7 p.m.

## Storytelling: Lessons of the Underground Railroad

*Saturday, February 25*

Board the train to learn of the love, danger, triumph, and despair of the Underground Railroad. After your lesson, costumed characters will share their stories as they bring the past to life. Explore the dangers and triumphs of traveling an Underground Railroad on this experiential journey. Each program

limited to 60 participants. Fee: \$10 per person. To register call (800) 468-4070. Brecksville Station, 6 - 8 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m.

## Save the Dates!

*Weekends, March 18 - 19 and 25 - 26*

## Maple Sugar Express

Ride the train to Hale Farm & Village to meet a pioneer family who will share the ancient process of maple sugar production. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, and \$8 children 3 - 12. Additional admission to Hale Farm & Village. Rockside Station, 10:15 a.m.



## Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit organization in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park. CVSR is dedicated to the preservation of historic passenger rail transportation in the Cuyahoga Valley.

For reservations or more information, call (800) 468-4070 or visit [www.cvsr.com](http://www.cvsr.com).





## Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series

The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org) or call (330) 657-2909.

Admission: \$12 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales and subscriber series available by calling (330) 657-2909. Enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to ten days before the concert. Series prices: \$30 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, \$15 children 3 - 12. Happy Days Visitor Center, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

*Friday, December 16*

### Nollaig: A Celtic Celebration of Christmas with bohola

Nollaig is the Gaelic word for Christmas and promises to be a wonderful concert celebrating the winter holiday season.

Nollaig, which explores the traditions of the winter solstice through a mixture of song, spoken word, and instrumental pieces from Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Brittany, and other Celtic nations, is presented by *bohola*. Bandmembers Jimmy Keane (accordion), Sean Cleland (fiddle), and Pat Broaders (vocals and dordan) use the works of poets and writers such as Dylan Thomas and Patrick Kavanagh to whisk the audience back to their

childhood while being entertained by reels, jigs, hornpipes, and polkas.

*Saturday, January 7*

### Guy Davis and Ann Rabson

He's a musician, composer, actor, director, and writer but, most importantly, Guy Davis is a bluesman. He has dedicated himself to reviving the traditions of acoustic blues. With influences as wide and varied as Mississippi John Hurt, Elizabeth Cotton, Buddy Guy, and Taj Mahal, the blues permeate every corner of Davis' creativity. Joining Davis tonight is Ann Rabson who has been playing and singing the blues professionally since 1962. Ann has been nominated seven times for a W.C. Handy Award as Traditional Blues Female Artist of the Year and is a member of *Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women*.



Guy Davis and Ann Rabson.

*Saturday, January 28*

### Harmonia

*Harmonia* presents traditional folk music of Eastern Europe, ranging from the Danube to the Carpathians. Its repertoire reflects the cultures of Hungary, Slovakia, and Croatia. Performing on authentic folk instruments, and styled after turn-of-the-century Eastern-European Gypsy bands, *Harmonia's* music is drawn from both urban and rural traditions of Eastern Europe. The ensemble's performance evokes the full range of human emotions; interspersing fiery, passionate virtuosity with soulful melancholy and nostalgic yearning.

*Saturday, February 18*

### Old School Freight Train

*Old School Freight Train* is a young Virginia-based band that instantly carved its own unique sound, attracting a diverse audience since forming in 2000. The band gained national recognition touring the country and winning awards at the prestigious Telluride and Rockygrass Bluegrass contests. "After forty years of recording acoustic music, it's not very often that a new band catches (and keeps) my attention," says David Grisman, "They are certainly an emerging force to reckon with in today's wide world of acoustic music."



bohola.



Dancing at the Boston Township Schoolhouse circa 1955.  
Courtesy of the Peninsula Library and Historical Society.

## Contra Dances

*Thursdays, December 8 and 22, January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23*

Continue the tradition of contra dancing in the Cuyahoga Valley! Join *Strings 'n Things* and caller Carol Kopp for an evening of lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Come for the music or for the dance, but wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Every dance is taught, walked through, and called, so even the inexperienced dancer will have a good time! On January 12, join Park Ranger Rebecca Jones for a brief Contra Conversation during the intermission. Admission: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. teaching, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

## Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society (CVPS)

CVPS, an activity of CVNPA, in cooperation with the National Park Service, sponsors workshops and monthly presentations by local and regional photographers at Happy Days Visitor Center. Monthly presentations start at 7 p.m and are free. For more information write to [info@cvps.org](mailto:info@cvps.org) or call (330) 657-2909.

*Thursday, December 8*

### **Susan Kirkman: the Ethics of Photojournalism**

*Akron Beacon Journal* Assistant Managing Editor, and former Photography Director, Susan Kirkman

will speak about issues of professional ethics confronting photojournalists.

*Thursday, January 19*

### **Jay Patel Photographing Southwest Landscapes**

Jay will present his images of the southwest United States where he has been photographing for the past two years. He will share his knowledge about the equipment and travel required to photograph these landscapes.

*Thursday, February 16*

### **Members' Show**

This is an opportunity for members to show some of their 35mm slides and, optionally, to have them critiqued by professional photographers. Guests are welcome to attend.

## Cuyahoga Valley Nature Writers

*Fridays, December 9, January 13, and February 10*

This group assists amateur and professional writers with their original work. Participants should bring 15 copies of a poem, short story, or essay. Discussion centers on the strengths and weaknesses of each piece, with suggestions for improving it and enhancing chances of publication. Fee: \$3. For more information call (330) 657-2909. Hines Hill Conference Building, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.



# Winter Sports Center



## Winter Sports Center at Kendall Lake

Winter sports are ideal ways to experience the winter season, when temperatures are cold and snow abounds. Whether you choose to cross-country ski, snowshoe, or ice skate, you will find all the right ingredients at Kendall Lake and on nearby trails.

Cross-country ski, snowshoe, and skate rentals are available first come, first served. The Winter Sports Center has smaller cross-country skis and kids' snowshoes available for children ages 7 - 12. (The cost is the same as for adult equipment.)

Taking a cross-country ski lesson from Certified Instructor and Park Ranger Paul Motts will allow for the development of proper technique and better performance. As a result the sport becomes more enjoyable and less strenuous. This year many cross-country ski workshops are being offered again, ranging from beginning to advanced intermediate classes. In addition a number of new snowshoe activities are also being offered, including impromptu lessons.

After a day on the trails, relax in the warmth of the Winter Sports Center and indulge in some hot chocolate and coffee. Talk with a staff member about places to visit in the park or recent animal sightings along the trails. Enjoy a cross-country ski video in the company of other winter sports enthusiasts.

On any winter outing it is always advisable to dress in layers and carry plenty of water.

Ski Rental:	\$15 (full-day)
	\$7.50 (3 hours)
Snowshoes:	\$5 (full day)
Ice Skates:	\$3 (full day)

There must be at least 2 inches of snow for snowshoe rental and 6 inches of snow for cross-country ski rental. There must be a 7-inch layer of ice on Kendall Lake for ice skate rental.

**Winter Sports Center at Kendall Lake**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., weekends, December 3 through December 24 and January 7 through February 26; daily, December 26 - 31; and on the holidays of January 17 and February 21.

## Snowshoeing

*Saturday, January 14, 1 - 3 p.m.*

*Sunday, January 29, 1 - 3 p.m.*

*Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m. - noon*

### Evergreen Forests

Discover what it is like to snowshoe through large stands of Eastern white pine. Join us on this moderate 2.5-mile snowshoe over hills and along the plateau of the Pine Grove Trail. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 15 participants. If less than 2 inches of snow, this program will be conducted as a hike. Kendall Lake Shelter.

*Saturday, January 21; Sunday, February 5*

### Historic Landscapes

Discover the role the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) has played toward shaping our national parks on this moderately difficult 2.5-mile guided snowshoe. Join us to observe some remaining historic CCC places as we wander over some challenging hills and ravines within the Virginia Kendall historic landscape. If less than 4 inches of snow, this program will be conducted as a hike only. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 15 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 10 a.m. - noon.

*Snowshoeing Programs designed specifically for children and families are listed on page 14.*

## Happy Days Visitor Center

Snowshoe rentals are available December 3 through mid-March. Call (216) 524-1497 for hours.

Both facilities are closed December 25 and January 1.



# Winter Sports Center

## Cross-Country Ski Classes

*Saturdays, December 31, January 7, 14, and 28, and February 4*

*Sundays, January 22 and February 12*

### Beginning Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 20 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Saturdays, December 31 and February 4*

### Ski Preparation

Whether you have waxable or non-waxable skis, there are certain

preparation methods that can help to protect your skis and allow for maximum performance. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts and discover the important aspects of cross-country ski preparation with a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 15 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

*Saturday, January 7; Sunday, February 5*

### Beginning Skiing Workshop:

**Ages 7 - 9**

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the

weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment. A limited supply will be available on a first come, first served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 8 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Saturdays, January 21 and February 11*

### Beginning Skiing Workshop:

**Ages 10 - 12**

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski



time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment. A limited supply will be available on a first come, first served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 10 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Sundays, January 8, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and February 12, 1 - 3 p.m.; Saturday, January 28, 1 - 3 p.m.*

### Handling Hills

Join Park Ranger Paul Motts to learn the important skills needed to cross-country ski on hills and novice trails. Dress for the weather and bring your own equipment. If no snow, this

workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Program is limited to 15 participants. Fee: \$10. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Kendall Lake Shelter.

*Sunday, January 29 and Saturday, February 18*

### Intermediate Workshop

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts for this workshop designed for intermediate skiers with a good wedge or snowplow. Learn a variety of

intermediate skiing techniques and come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If no snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Program is limited to 15 participants. Fee \$10. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, February 19*

### Advanced Intermediate Workshop

This ski class is designed for experienced intermediate cross-country skiers wishing to develop advanced intermediate techniques used on narrow ski trails. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts to learn skiing techniques that will help develop your skills for an advanced ski workshop. Bring your own equipment and dress for outdoor instruction. If no snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 15 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

# DECEMBER 2005

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(216) 524-1497 or visit [www.nps.gov/cuva/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/) or  
[www.dayinthevalley.com/](http://www.dayinthevalley.com/)

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## Discover Peninsula Walks

*Saturday, December 3*

### A Lantern Walk with Cecil

Explore the quiet tranquility of the Towpath Trail as you walk and talk with Canal Cecil. Whimsical stories of his life intertwined with the lantern-lit remnants of the Ohio & Erie Canal will help you step back into an earlier time. Lock 29 Trailhead, 6 - 7 p.m.

*Saturday, December 10*

### Peninsula: Past and Present

Meet a wayfaring stranger from the past in the streets of Peninsula. Park Ranger Rebecca Jones explores Peninsula's rich history through the eyes of a woman who got on the wrong boat in 1845 and wound up in 2005! Peninsula Depot, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

## Cuyahoga Campfires

Winter is the perfect time to join park rangers around the warmth of a roaring fire for stories of times past.

*Saturday, December 17*

### Holiday Traditions

What is this winter holiday and why do we celebrate its traditions each year? Join a park ranger and volunteers to explore traditions past and present of winter's holiday. After exploring traditions in a 1-mile lantern hike at Heritage Farms, we will finish the evening around a fire with cocoa for all. Start a tradition for you and your family and join us! Heritage Farms, 7 - 9 p.m.

*Saturday, January 21*

### Oh Ranger!

Come to a fireside chat to hear tales of National Park Service park rangers: their stories, experiences, history, and their vital role in preserving and protecting our valuable national treasures. Octagon Shelter, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

*Saturday, February 11*

### Romance in the Valley

Love in the Cuyahoga Valley? Bring your love stories to share around a campfire as Park Ranger Rebecca Jones explores a few of the romances of Cuyahoga's past. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Geese communicate. Photo by CVPS member Carol Conti-Entin.



## Birdwatching

Join expert as well as novice birders to discover for yourself why CVNP has been designated as an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society of Ohio.

*Saturday, December 3*

### Surviving Winter

Freezing temperatures and limited food supplies are among the winter hardships facing northern birds. Join Park Ranger Paul Motts for a hike along the Boston Run Trail and discover ways birds survive a harsh winter. Happy Days Visitor Center North Parking Lot, 8:30 - 11 a.m.

*Sunday, December 18*

### Christmas Bird Count

Annual counts help monitor bird populations, establish which species are in the area, and alert scientists to unusual changes. Participate as a park volunteer, counting birds in the southern portion of CVNP for the Greater Akron Audubon Society. Donation: \$3 to defray result preparation and publication costs. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7:30 a.m. - noon.

*Saturday, January 7*

### Finding Shelter

The diverse upland forests and overgrown fields surrounding Oak Hill provide excellent wintering areas for many birds, including purple finches. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to look for winter birds inhabiting sheltered places. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*Saturday, February 18*

### Returning Waterfowl

Several kinds of aquatic birds are starting to appear in the Cuyahoga Valley. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to look for common mergansers and other early returning waterfowl along the Cuyahoga River. Red Lock Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

# Children's & Family Programming

## Winter Chillin' Dinners

Been a long week? Let CVNPA do the cooking! Unwind with family and friends in a lovely natural setting. Meet new people. The pace is casual and fun. A healthy, hearty buffet dinner will be served until 6:40 p.m. and followed by a ranger-led program. Fee: \$14/person ages 12 and up, \$12/CVNPA members, \$10 children 5 - 11. For more information and to register, call (330) 657-2796 ext. 100.

*Friday, January 6*

### Games People Played

The folks who came before us liked to have fun as much as we do. Try your hand at a wide range of games from other times. Some test your skills, some test your luck. The evening ends with a story around the campfire. Advanced payment required by December 31. 6 - 8:30 p.m.

*Friday, February 17*

### Nature @ Night

Whooo is in the woods on a frosty Ohio evening? We are! Begin indoors dissecting owl pellets and learning about winter wildlife, then take a flashlight-free night hike. Warm up around a campfire. Advanced payment required by February 10. 6 - 8:30 p.m.

## Junior Ranger Snowshoe Hike

*Saturday, January 7*

Try something new - by snowshoe! Join a park ranger for a wintery hike in search of wildlife. Complete a few activities from CVNP's Junior Ranger Handbook and you are on your way to earning a badge. Includes snowshoe rental (weather permitting) and handbook. For ages 7 - 12. Fee: \$13 per child, \$2 per adult. Advanced payment required. For more information or to register, call (330) 657-2796 ext. 100. 9:30 - 11 a.m.

## Outdoor Classes

*Saturday, January 7 and  
Sunday, February 5*

### Beginning Skiing Workshop: Ages 7 - 9

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop designed for kids. This class will be held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment. A limited supply will be available on a first come, first served basis. Ages: 7 - 9. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 8 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Sunday, January 8, 1 - 3 p.m.;*

*Saturday, February 11, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

### Snowshoeing: Family Workshop

Snowshoeing is a warm energetic fun way to enjoy the snow-covered fields and forests. Discover what snowshoeing was like for the early settlers, and then experience some techniques that allow for convenient travel over deep snow. Later, take a guided snowshoe walk to a nearby forest to search for animal signs. This workshop is specially designed for families with children seven years or older when snow exceeds 2 inches. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 17 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter.

*Saturdays, January 21 and February 11*

### Beginning Skiing Workshop: Ages 10 - 12

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop designed for kids. This class will be held with, or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged



Snowshoeing class  
CVNPA photo.

to bring their own equipment. A limited supply will be available on a first come, first served basis. Ages: 10 - 12. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 10 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

*Thursday, December 29; Sundays,  
January 15 and February 26*

### Family Snowshoe Games

Ahh snowshoeing! Have you ever wondered what people did outdoors for entertainment in the winter back in the 1800s? Families and individuals are welcome to join us to play games and run races in the snow using snowshoes and our imagination. This workshop is specially designed for families with children seven years or older when snow exceeds 2 inches. Fee: \$3 with own equipment, \$8 with rental. For reservations call (216) 524-1497. Program is limited to 17 participants. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3 p.m.

## Save the Dates!

*Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11*  
**Winter Chillin' Overnight: Around the World**

Join park rangers as we explore nature through the eyes of many cultures on this family overnight. For more information call (800) 657-2796 ext. 100.



## Boomerang Construction Workshop

*Sunday, January 22*

Join this easy, informative class for novice or seasoned woodworkers. History, physics of flight, safety, and control are covered as you make your very own "guaranteed to fly" boomerang. Fee: \$10 (includes materials). Happy Days Visitor Center, 2 - 4 p.m.

## The Winter Tapestry of Cuyahoga

*Saturday, February 4*

Join Park Ranger Beth Rush for a morning meander as we weave our way through the quiet fabric of the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

## Full Moon Hikes

*Thursday, December 15*

### Morning & Evening Full Moon

Start and end your day by the light of the full moon! Enjoy daybreak, day's-end, or both with a brisk ranger-led full moon hike on the 2-mile Haskell Run and Ledges Trails as we watch the moon set at 8:03 a.m. and reconvene to witness the moon's rise at 4:41 p.m. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Happy Days Visitor Center, 7 - 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 - 5 p.m.

*Saturday, January 14*

### The Cold Moon

The time of year that commonly hosts brisk temperatures and a blanket of new-fallen snow is perfect for enjoying an easy 3-mile northern stroll on the Towpath Trail under the fullness of the Cold Moon. Canal Visitor Center, 5 - 7 p.m.

*Sunday, February 12*

### Full Snow Moon

Join a park ranger for a moderate 2.5-mile moonlit hike along the Cross Country Trail as we explore the park under the Full Snow Moon. Weather permitting, snowshoes can be rented for \$3 a pair. Kendall Lake Shelter (meet in parking lot), 6 - 8 p.m.

## Winter Warm-Ups

Winter hiking in CVNP offers beautiful scenery and wonderful recreational opportunities. Warm-up with this hiking series as you explore CVNP's more challenging trails. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

*Sunday, December 4*

2.75-mile hike on the moderate Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

*Sunday, December 18*

6-mile hike on the difficult Buckeye and Valley Trails. Pine Lane, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, January 8*

4-mile hike on the moderate-to-difficult Salt Run and Lake Trails. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

*Sunday, January 22*

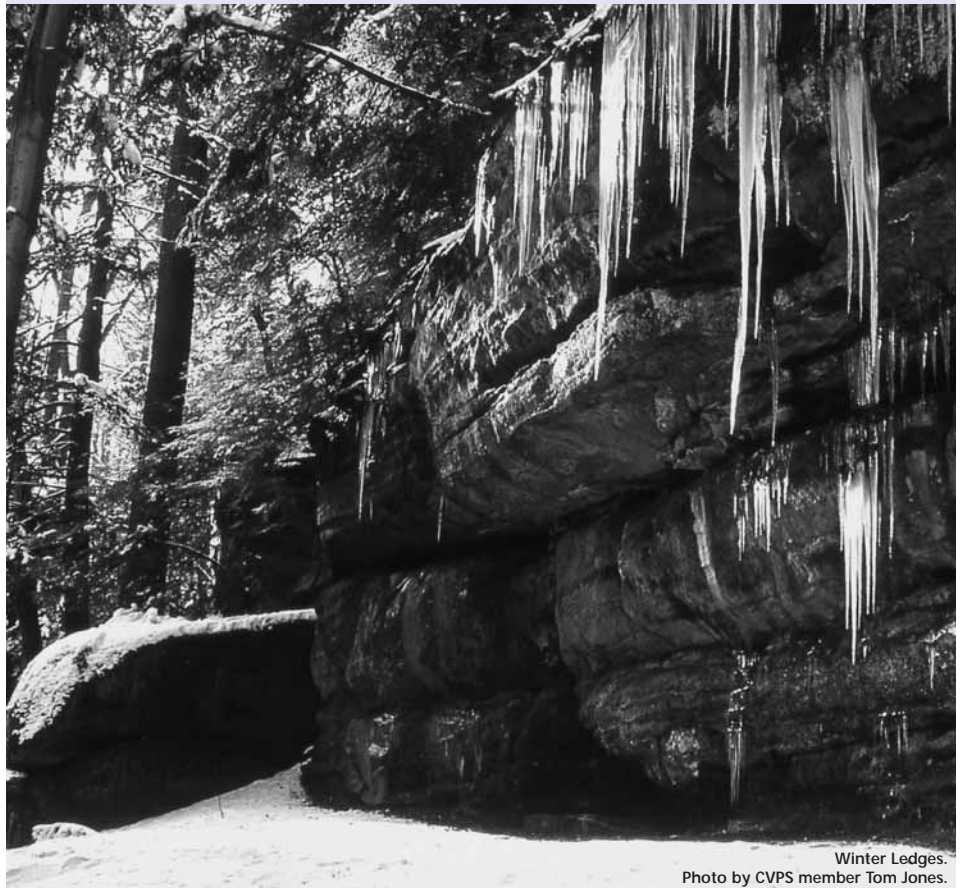
5.5-mile hike on the moderate-to-difficult Carriage Trail. Red Lock Trailhead, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, February 5*

5-mile hike on the moderate Buckeye and Bridle Trails. Sagamore Grove Picnic Area, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, February 19*

6-mile hike on the Stanford, Gorge, and Towpath Trails. Boston Store, 9 a.m. - noon.



Winter Ledges.  
Photo by CVPS member Tom Jones.

# Get Involved In Your National Park



A visitor and volunteer at Happy Days.  
NPS Photo by Colleen Brown.

information? If so we encourage you to join our CUVA Crew. These volunteers enjoy working various special events throughout the year and help with parking, visitor center front desk work, collecting fees, and selling refreshments. Contact Margaret Adams at (216) 524-1497 ext. 225.

**Train Interpretation** - Share information about the park aboard Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Training will be provided. Contact Pamela Machuga at (330) 657-1914.

**Student Explorer** - Educate children about the resources of CVNP by train and hike. Transport children into the past, test their skills, and capture their imaginations through hands-on activities and costumed interpretation. Must be available some weekday mornings. Training will be provided. Contact Pamela Machuga at (330) 657-1914.

**Technical Assistance** - Global Positioning System, data management, or web page development skills needed for collecting data, updating databases, or designing a web page. Contact Dave Humphrey at (440) 546-5970.

**CVEEC Night Hike Leader** - Lead night hikes for resident program school groups and weekend groups. Some weekend evenings required. Must be fingerprinted prior to first program and pass a background check if over 18. Must have first aid/CPR training prior to first program. Training will be provided. Contact Heather Berenson at (330) 657-2796 ext. 112.

**CVEEC Campfire Tender** - Make and tend outdoor campfire Tuesday or Wednesday evenings for school groups in residence at CVEEC. May lead a song or story during program if interested. Must be fingerprinted and pass a background check if over 18. Contact Heather Berenson at (330) 657-2796 ext. 112.

## Visitor Center Volunteers Needed

Often when you enter a National Park Service visitor center, you speak with a park volunteer before you see a park ranger. If you live in the area and like to tell your friends and family about the valley, we look forward to you volunteering in CVNP! Help is needed greeting visitors, providing basic park information and orientation, answering telephone calls, and working the sales area. Contact Rebecca Jones at (330) 657-2753.

**Interpretive Volunteers** - Many volunteers enjoy speaking in front of groups and sharing interesting information and compelling stories. For many visitors to this park, it makes their visit extra special. If you think you have the knack for public speaking or want to learn, then this may be the job for you. Various assignments are available. Contact Travis White at (440) 546-5996.

**Invasive Plant Volunteer** - Help remove invasive plants in the park. Crew leaders with first aid training and plant identification skills needed, as well as participants who can assist in scheduled projects. Contact Laura Elze at (330) 650-5071 ext. 5.

**Adopt-a-Trail Worker** - Help us maintain our trails in top condition. Volunteers go on specific trails once a month. Trail sweeps involve trimming branches, picking up trash, and cleaning culverts. No long-term commitment required - whenever you can fit it in to your schedule! Contact Travis White at (440) 546-5996.

**Exhibit Cleaning Assistant** - Help staff monitor and clean 110 wayside exhibits that are found along the trails. Early April and late September. Contact Gerry Wuchter at (216) 524-1497 ext. 223.

**CUVA Crew** - Do you like helping people with directions and park



## Ice Rink at Lock 3

Managed by the Akron Civic Theatre and underwritten by the City of Akron, the Ice Rink at Lock 3 will open for the season Saturday, November 27 at noon, following the "Welcome Santa" Holiday Parade in downtown Akron. Admission is free, and skate rental is offered for \$2.

During the day and evening, there will be music, caroling, visits with Santa, the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the opening of Chriskindl Market and Ice Rink at Lock 3 – where you can ice skate and shop for holiday gifts and Christmas trees.

The rink can also be rented for holiday parties. Skaters can warm up with hot chocolate and concessions at O'Neil Commons while enjoying live musical entertainment and skating demonstrations.

For more information call (330) 375-2345.

## Downhill Skiing

Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resorts begin several multi-week ski lessons in January.

Tiny Tots introduces 3- and 4-year-olds to skiing basics, emphasizing fun and safety. Lessons are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Mogul Mites emphasizes skill building for ages 5 through 7 through fun and adventure. Weekend lessons begin January 7 and 8.

The Junior Program offers 5 weeks of ski or snowboard lessons, plus a fun race weekend, for ages 8 through 12, Saturdays and Sundays beginning January 7 and 8.

The Women's Snow Discovery is a six-week ski or snowboard lesson program for women, taught by women. It is available to all ability levels age 21 and over, Tuesdays or Wednesdays beginning January 3 and January 11.



Boston Mills skiers.  
Photo Courtesy of Peak Resorts.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a national heritage area: a place to experience trails, trains, scenic byways, canal towns, ethnic neighborhoods, working rivers, great lakes, industrial landscapes, and green spaces, as you explore our past, present, and future. For more information visit [www.canalwayohio.com](http://www.canalwayohio.com). Look for a calendar of canalway events available in the spring in area visitor centers or online.

Race Clinics include slalom and giant slalom training for skiers and snowboarders, plenty of practice and competition, and timed runs. Clinics begin January 3, 4, and 5 and are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

The Freestyle Boot Camp helps advanced skiers and snowboarders master the art and science of freestyle, Mondays and Thursdays beginning January 2.

For more information about downhill skiing in the Cuyahoga Valley, visit [www.bmbw.com](http://www.bmbw.com) or call (800) 875-4241.

*Friday, December 2*

## Scrooge's Nite Out

Join us at Downtown Cleveland's signature holiday party to support the Ohio & Erie Canalway! Food, drinks, live music, games of chance. To order tickets call (216) 520-1825. Fee: \$40. Location to be determined, Downtown Cleveland, 7 p.m.

*Sunday, December 11*

## Annual Tree Trimming Party

Join Stanford Hostel staff and other hostelling supporters as they put up a Christmas tree and decorate it the Victorian way with strung popcorn and cranberries. There will be refreshments and caroling. Stanford Hostel, 1 - 4 p.m.

## Save the Dates!

*Weekends, March 18 - 19 and 25 - 26*

## Maple Sugaring Days

From enjoying a delicious homemade pancake breakfast to exploring the ancient process of maple sugar production to learning the steps of New England Country Dancing, Maple Sugaring Days will cure cabin fever with children's crafts, demonstrations by our artisans, and a bonfire. Price includes breakfast, provided by Bob Evans Restaurants. Hale Farm & Village, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



# James A. Garfield & First Ladies Sites



## James A. Garfield National Historic Site

James A. Garfield NHS is dedicated to the memory of the 20th President of the United States. This site features the beautifully restored home of James A. Garfield and his family, including the country's first memorial library for a President.

The James A. Garfield Visitor Center offers museum exhibits, a movie, and a gift shop. Guided tours of the Garfield Home are available. Tour fees are \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$5 children 6 - 12, and \$4 for NPS passholders. November through April the site is open Saturdays and Sundays, 12 - 5 p.m. (with special hours during the holidays and Presidents Day). May - October the site is open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sundays 12 - 5 p.m.

For more information call (440) 255-8722 or visit [www.nps.gov/jaga](http://www.nps.gov/jaga). James A. Garfield NHS is operated jointly by the Western Reserve Historical Society and the National Park Service.

## Child-Friendly Tours

*Every Saturday*

Bring your young ones for a child-friendly tour of the Garfield Home with Hancock, our resident groundhog. Hancock will lead families through the home, with special attention to finding items in each room. No reservations necessary! Tours geared to children ages 4 - 10. James A. Garfield National Historic Site, noon.

## Behind the Scenes Tour

*Saturdays, December 3, January 7, February 4 (for adults)*  
*Saturdays, December 10, January 14, February 11 (for children)*

Have you ever wondered what was behind that door? Now is your opportunity to find out. Ability to climb several levels of stairs is required. Fee: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. Pre-registration is required - call (440) 255-8722 for reservations. This tour does not cover rooms seen on the regular house tour. James A. Garfield National Historic Site, 11 a.m.

## President's Day

*Monday, February 20*

For details on our annual President's Day program and special holiday site hours, call (440) 255-8722. James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

## Lawnfield Inn Lectures

*December 13, January 10, & February 14*

Enjoy a warm lunch and program presented by Best Western Lawnfield Inn and Suites and the staff of the James A. Garfield National Historic Site. \$20 per person. Topics vary month to month. Reservations can be made by calling (440) 255-8722. Program takes place at Best Western Lawnfield Inn and Suites, 8434 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, noon.

## White House Christmas

*Saturday, December 3*

White House Christmases from America's past to the present will be featured in our beautiful Victorian Theatre. A special guest will surprise visitors with memories of life inside the White House during the holiday season. Many Christmas artifacts from presidential families will be on display for public viewing during a reception after the program. Reservations required; call (330) 452-0876 ext. 301. First Ladies National Historic Site Education and Research Center, 1 p.m. *Program repeated at 10 a.m. on December 5, 6, and 12 for children grades 6 - 12.*



## First Ladies National Historic Site

First Ladies NHS is a national archive devoted to educating people about the contributions of First Ladies. As the first and only site of its kind, First Ladies NHS serves as a unique resource to study the impacts that our country's First Ladies have had on our political and social history.

First Ladies NHS is open to the public for guided tours, Tuesday through Saturday, at 10 and 11 a.m., and 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Tours last one hour. Fee: \$7 adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 children under 18. Tours begin at the site's Education and Research Center at 205 Market Avenue South and include the historic Saxton McKinley House at 331 Market Avenue South.

For more information call (330) 452-0876 or visit [www.nps.gov/fila](http://www.nps.gov/fila).

# Program Locations

Bridal Veil Falls in Bedford Reservation. Photo by CVPS member Carol Conti-Entin.



**Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center** - 2054 Bolanz Road, between Riverview and Akron-Peninsula Roads, Peninsula

**James A. Garfield NHS** - 8095 Mentor Avenue, east of State Route 306, Mentor

**Kendall Lake Shelter and Winter Sports Center** - Truxell Road, 2 miles west of Akron-Cleveland Road, Peninsula

**Ledges Shelter** - Truxell Road, 1 mile west of Akron-Cleveland Road, Peninsula

**Lock 3 Park** - Main Street near University Avenue, Akron

**Lock 29 Trailhead** - Mill Street in Peninsula

**Octagon Shelter** - Truxell Road, 1.5 miles west of Akron-Cleveland Road, Peninsula

**Oak Hill Trailhead** - Oak Hill Road, 1.3 miles south of Major Road, Peninsula

**Peninsula Depot Visitor Center** - 1630 Mill Street, off of Akron-Peninsula Road, north of SR 303, Peninsula

**Pine Lane Trailhead** - north side of SR 303 between Peninsula and SR 8, Peninsula

**Red Lock Trailhead** - Highland Road, across from Brandywine Ski Resort, Sagamore Hills

**Rockside Station** - Old Rockside Road, one block north of Rockside Road off Canal Road, Independence

**Sagamore Grove Picnic Area** - on Sagamore Road, just east of Canal Road, Walton Hills

**Stanford Hostel** - 6093 Stanford Road, Peninsula

**Most park facilities and the Towpath Trail are wheelchair accessible. For specific information on program accessibility, call (216) 524-1497.**

## Protect Yourself

Be sure to wear weather-appropriate clothing and drink water for varied activities in the park.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

Keep your dog on a leash at all times for the protection of wildlife, other visitors, and your pet.

**Boston Store** - 1548 Boston Mills Road, just east of Riverview Road, Peninsula

**Boston Township School House** - 1775 Main Street, northeast corner of SR 303 and Riverview Road, Peninsula

**Brecksville Station** - at Station Road Bridge Trailhead

**Brandywine Ski Resort** - Highland Road, across from Red Lock Trailhead, Sagamore Hills

**Canal Visitor Center** - 7104 Canal Road, intersection of Canal and Hillside Roads, Valley View

**Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center** - 3675 Oak Hill Road, south of Major Road, Peninsula

**First Ladies NHS** - 205 Market Avenue South, Canton

**Hale Farm & Village** - 2686 Oak Hill Road, north of Ira Road, Bath Township

**Happy Days Visitor Center** - 500 W. Streetsboro Road (SR 303), 1 mile west of SR 8, Peninsula

**Heritage Farms** - 6050 Riverview Road, 1/8 mile south of SR 303, Peninsula

**Hines Hill Conference Building** - 1403 West Hines Hill Road, east of junction with Boston Mills Road, first building at Hines Hill Conference Center, Peninsula

**Horseshoe Pond** - Major Road, 1 mile west of Riverview Road, Peninsula





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## Visitor Centers

*Call for hours of operation. All visitor centers are closed December 25 and January 1.*

**Canal Visitor Center** focuses on life along the canal and human history in the valley.

**Happy Days Visitor Center** is primarily an information/orientation facility, but also holds a variety of interpretive and musical programs.

**Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center** has exhibits highlighting agricultural history and recreational opportunities in the valley.

**Peninsula Depot Visitor Center** is an information/orientation facility developed to help visitors explore CVNP, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, the Village of Peninsula, and the Ohio & Erie Canalway.

**Boston Store** exhibits tell the story of canal-boat building in the valley.

**Winter Sports Center at Kendall Lake** offers the rental of winter equipment, as well as ski and snowshoe instruction. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, December 3 through 24 and January 7 through February 26; Daily, December 26 - 31; and the holidays of January 17 and February 21.

## Program Information

Canal Visitor Center  
(216) 524-1497 or  
(800) 445-9667

Happy Days Visitor Center  
(330) 650-4636 or  
(800) 257-9477

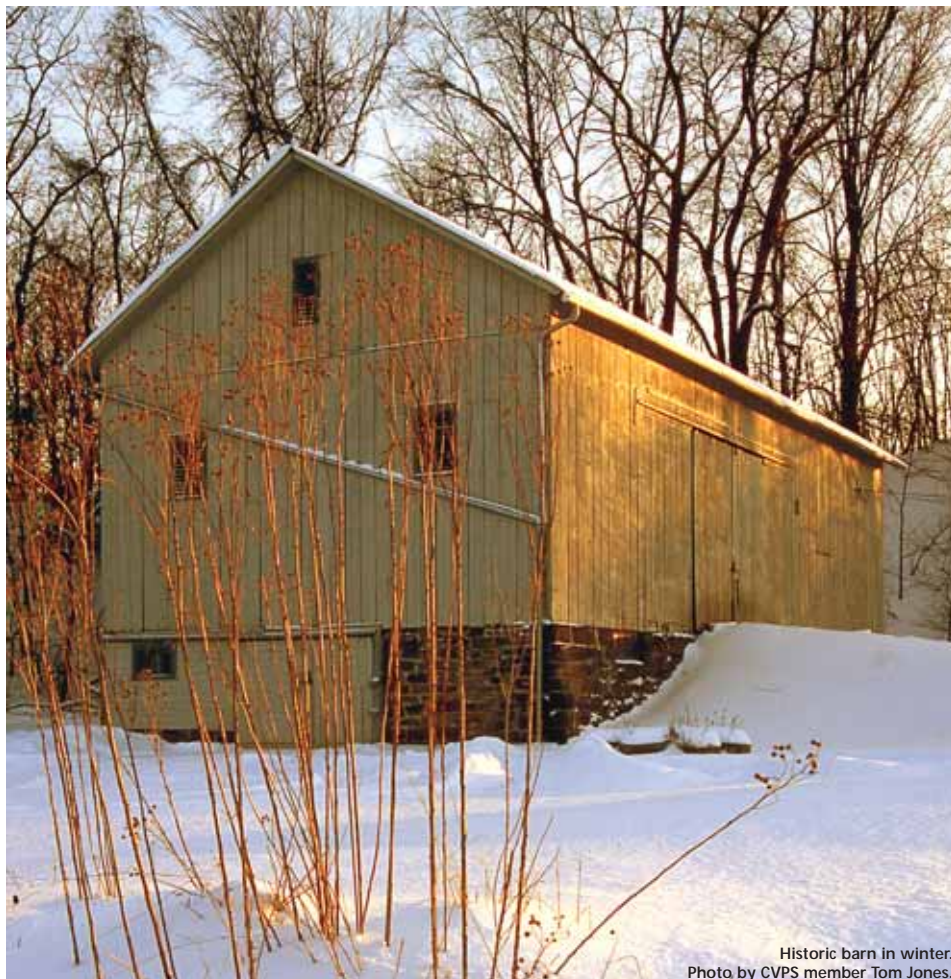
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## How Can I Receive a Free Schedule of Events?

Members of Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), the park's friends group, receive the Schedule of Events in the mail as a service provided by CVNPA. Membership in CVNPA directly supports the activities and events of the park. For more information on how to become a member, visit [www.cvnpa.org/](http://www.cvnpa.org/) or call (330) 657-2909. See page 5.

The Schedule of Events is published quarterly by the National Park Service and is available online at [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) and at all CVNP visitor centers.

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Historic barn in winter.  
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